

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION
AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136
AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Dear Sir:

This response is being re-submitted as a result of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated February 18, 2009. The Request for Continued Examination and the associated fees therein were previously submitted on January 26, 2009.

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action mailed July 25, 2008, in the above-referenced patent Application. The Applicants thank the Examiner for a thorough examination.

The Applicant respectfully requests a three month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136. Accordingly, a payment, as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), of \$555.00 is accompanied with this response.

Further, the Applicant respectfully requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Accordingly, a payment, as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e), of \$405.00 is accompanied with this response.

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